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Re: Application of Jorg SCHABERNACK, Monika BANZHAF
MANAGEMENT OF A NETWORK ELEMENT USING MANAGED
OBJECTS IN A DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK
Assignee: ALCATEL
Our Ref: Q54532

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of pending prior Application No. 09/328,893 filed on June 09, 1999 of Jorg SCHABERNACK, Monika BANZHAF entitled MANAGEMENT OF A NETWORK ELEMENT USING MANAGED OBJECTS IN A DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK.

This application is being filed under 37 CFR § 1.53(d). The prior application, in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. It is understood that secrecy under 35 USC § 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file jacket, be it either this application or a prior application in the same file jacket, the Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all the other applications in the same file jacket.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2155

A Preliminary Amendment is being submitted herewith.

The power of attorney appears in the original papers of the prior application.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Germany	19826088.1	June 12, 1998

The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/328,893.

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Base Fee										<u>\$740.00</u>
TOTAL FILING FEE										\$740.00

A check for the statutory fee of \$740.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

A Petition and payment for an extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith in Application No. 09/328,893. The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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